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In re Application of
Licht
Application No. 10/076,268
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Attorney Docket No. LICHT=4

DECISION GRANTING
PETITION

This is a decision on the May 13, 2002 petition requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of February 19, 2002.

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (hereinafter "USPTO") received this application on February 19, 2002. However, on March 12, 2002, the Office of Initial Patent Examination (hereinafter "OIPE") mailed a "Notice Of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application" (hereinafter "notice") noting that the application had not been granted a filing date due to Applicant's failure to include drawings in this application. The notice further stated that the filing date would be the date of receipt of the omitted specification unless a petition was filed that successfully showed that the missing item(s) had been included with the application.


Petitioner responded with the May 13, 2002 filing of this petition. The petition included a copy of the postcard receipt. The copy of applicants' postcard receipt indicates receipt of the drawings, figures 1-8, with the rest of the application on February 19, 2002.

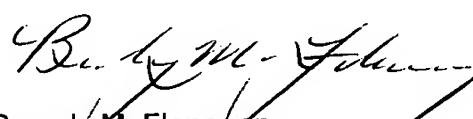
In view of the above, it is concluded that the complete application was filed on February 19, 2002, and the drawings were later misplaced in the PTO. Accordingly, *this petition is granted.*

The \$130.00 petition fee for this petition is accordingly unnecessary.

The application is being returned to OIPE for further processing with a filing date of February 19, 2002, using the copy of the figures supplied with this petition.

Any questions regarding this decision should be directed to Petitions Attorney Scott M. Ledford at (703) 306-5593.


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